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Ron Pene Pene Mining Box 4017 Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

Re:

Review of Additional Information, Small Mining Operations, Pene Mining, Pussycat 1-6 Project, S/019/030 (BLM Plan of Operations UTU-72507), Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pene:

This is a response to your April 5, 1996 letter which provided additional information describing your proposed placer operations along the Colorado River corridor. Please accept my apology for the lengthy delay in responding. Your letter and accompanying map describe the specific locations for your proposed work more adequately. This new information has satisfied the second of the two completeness issues listed in the Division letter of March 26, 1996.

The first issue listed in our March letter required the identification of the existing disturbance at the site which you, as operator, are responsible for reclaiming. This issue remains unresolved. We realize that the resolution of this issue is linked to the resolution of other permitting issues with the BLM. We are also aware of the Validity Examination currently underway by the BLM.

The Division will continue to list your project application as "incomplete" until your reclamation responsibility at the site can be clearly identified. Please provide us with any new information which may resolve this permitting issue when it becomes available. If you have any questions regarding this letter please call me at (801) 538-5267 or write me at the address on the letterhead.

Sincerely,

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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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